#### **How Does DUI Court Work?**

- ✓ Participants are repeat DUI or alcohol addicted offenders
- ✓ Sex offenders and drug dealers are NOT eligible for the program
- Every participant appears in Court, pleads guilty to pending charges and is sentenced
- ✓ All participants are sentence to various prison terms
- ✓ Sentence is deferred with admission to DUI Court
- ✓ Failure to meet program requirements means immediate imposition of that sentence
- ✓ DUI Court is a voluntary program which includes: drug testing, counseling, treatment, classes, and weekly appearances to Court.

### **Team members:**

Judge Robin Houwman
Judge John Schlimgen
Kallie Steffens – Coordinator
Amy Berthelsen – Court Service Officer
Chad Clark – Evaluator
Sara Baptiste – Public Defender
John Duprey – Law Enforcement
Abby VanDenBerg – Prosecutor
Phyllis Bauerle – CD Treatment
Joy Parker – Mental Health Treatment



Come Visit for Open Court on Tuesdays at 8:45 am in Courtroom 6A.

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If you have any questions or want to learn more about this program. Call: Kallie Steffens at 605-367-5930.

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### MISSION

The Mission of the Second Circuit DUI Court is to promote an alternative way for repeat DUI or alcohol addicted offenders to receive justice and treatment, with an eye towards public safety, personal dignity and program accountability with promoting recovery real life change.

### What is the DUI Court?

A DUI Court is a distinct court docket dedicated to changing the behavior of the alcohol/drug dependent offenders arrested for Driving Under the Influence (DUI). The goal of DUI Court is to protect public safety by using the Drug Court model to address alcoholism and substance abuse as the root cause of impaired driving. Hardcore impaired drivers with serious alcohol/substance abuse issues are the primary target population of the DUI Court. (Hardcore DUI offenders are defined as individuals who drive with a BAC of 0.15 percent or greater, or who are arrested for or convicted of driving while intoxicated after a prior driving while impaired (DUI) conviction.) These courts follow the principals set forth in **Defining Drug Courts: The Key Components and** the Guiding Principles of DUI Court.

# What is the History of the DUI Court in Sioux Falls?

After planning and training for a year, The Second Circuit DUI Court took its first Client on Tuesday, November 27, 2013. Court is held every Tuesday at 8:45am in Courtroom 6A.

## **Benefits to the Community?**

- Enables offenders to become contributing members of society.
- ✓ Reduce Recidivism
- ✓ Reunite Families
- ✓ Protect Public Safety.

# Who Pays?

- ✓ The DUI participants
- ✓ Each participant must pay for rent, utilities and all other expenses
- ✓ Unless there is insurance or other funding source, the participants pay for their own Chemical Dependency treatment
- ✓ Every participant must be employed, be disabled or in an educational program.
- Every participant must pay court costs, fines and any other bills accumulated
- ✓ The DUI Court team volunteers their time and talent to keep DUI Court operating

## **How Can You Help?**

- ✓ Volunteer to be a mentor to our participants
- ✓ Serve on the DUI Court Steering Committee
- ✓ Donate money to support DUI Court
- ✓ Donate goods and services to DUI Court (food coupons, gas cards, certificates for hair cuts, etc.)
- ✓ Consider DUI Court participants when hiring for your business
- ✓ Consider renting to a DUI Court participant.